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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4-7, 9, 11-17, 19-20 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 10 has been amended and is presented below in clean form:

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10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 8, together with a suitable carrier.